

**Security Council**

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**Letter dated 22 November 2010 from the Secretary-General
addressed to the President of the Security Council**

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) and to Security Council resolution 1942 (2010) of 29 September 2010, in which the Council authorized a temporary increase of UNOCI military and police personnel from 8,650 to 9,150, and the immediate deployment of those additional capacities for a period of up to six months.

I am pleased to inform the Security Council that the deployment of the additional 500 military and police personnel to UNOCI was completed in a timely manner on 18 October 2010. The additional military personnel reinforced the UNOCI force reserve in Yamoussoukro and the sector reserve in Abidjan, and the additional police personnel strengthened the existing formed police units of UNOCI in Bouaké, Daloa, Guiglo and Yamoussoukro. They successfully contributed to the security arrangements for the presidential election, which was held on 31 October 2010 in a generally peaceful environment.

On 6 November 2010, the Ivorian Constitutional Council announced the final results of the presidential election. Given that no candidate has obtained an absolute majority, a run-off election is scheduled for 28 November 2010. Legislative elections are expected to be organized early in 2011.

Although the security situation in Côte d'Ivoire has remained calm following the election of 31 October 2010, prudent planning requires that we consider options for the further reinforcement of UNOCI, should the situation so require during both the second round of the presidential election and the legislative elections. The Secretariat has therefore developed a contingency plan for a possible temporary transfer of troops and aviation assets from the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) to UNOCI within the framework of the inter-mission cooperation arrangements provided for in paragraphs 4 to 6 of Security Council resolution 1609 (2005) and paragraph 6 of Council resolution 1938 (2010). The contingency plan would entail the transfer of three infantry companies and an aviation unit comprising two military utility helicopters.

In order to ensure timely redeployment of troops and aviation assets from UNMIL to UNOCI, should the need arise, I should be grateful if the Security Council could grant advance approval of this arrangement. The actual transfer of the troops would take place once my Special Representative advises that the evolving situation requires further reinforcement of the mission. The Department of



Peacekeeping Operations stands ready to provide detailed briefings on the contingency planning arrangements should the Security Council so desire.

One troop-contributing country has formally given its consent for the temporary transfer of its aviation assets from UNMIL to UNOCI, while another has agreed, in principle, to the transfer of troops, and two are still considering the request.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(Signed) **BAN** Ki-moon
